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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 15 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole
(closed) Consultation Room

Central African Republic (S/1998/783 and Add.1)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Briefing by the Secretariat

Angola (S/1998/838 and S/1998/847)*

Draft resolution (S/1998/850)

Afghanistan

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

Letter dated 4 September 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/835)

* To be followed by a formal meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

3 p.m. 3rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Organization of work of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee (A/53/250).

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. UNCTAD
2. Draft report

INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

9 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9
2 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 1998

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 3
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3 p.m.-
6 p.m.

42nd meeting

Conference
Room 3

UNDP: Country cooperation frameworks and related matters [4] (DP/998/34, DP/CCF/BDI/1, DP/CCF/CAY/1, DP/CCF/COS/1, DP/CCF/EQG/1, DP/CCF/PAR/1, DP/CP/BGD/1/EXTENSION 1, DP/CP/ECU/5/EXTENSION 1)

[There will be a meeting of the donors group at 9 a.m. in Conference Room A.]

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), *today*, 15 September 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

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A meeting of the Consultative Group for the International Year of Older Persons will take place *today*, 15 September 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8. Items on the agenda include the introduction of the draft report of the Secretary-General to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly, details on the official launch of the year (1 October), information on the expert consultation on policies for a society for all ages, the research agenda on ageing and the United Nations Trust Fund for Ageing.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 15 September 1998

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE (at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

GENERAL BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE FIFTY- THIRD SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Annual conference

The Fifty-first Annual DPI/NGO Conference, entitled "The 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: From Words to Deeds", will continue *today*, 15 September 1998, at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conferencer Room 4. Workshops, organized by the NGO/DPI Planning Committee, will take place from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. daily in various conference rooms. Copies of the Conference programme are available on the Internet at: www.un.org/MoreInfo/schedule/htm. For further information, please call 963-1361, 963-7709 or 963-7234.

Announcement

As from Thursday, 3 September 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 16 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
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SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 2
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THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 1
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SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 1
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
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3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will hold its formal organizational meeting on Thursday, 17 September 1998 at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Wednesday, 16 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its organization of work as contained in document A/C.2/53/L.1.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Wednesday, 16 September 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 1, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its organization of work (A/C.3/53/L.1).

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 2nd meeting on Thursday, 17 September 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 4, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider and approve its organization of work (A/C.4/53/L.1*).

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items, which will begin on Monday, 5 October (see A/C.4/53/L.1*), are kindly requested to notify the secretariat (room S-2977, tel: 963-9223).

* To be published.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Friday, 18 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, for the purpose of electing its Bureau and to consider the organization of its work. A document on the status of preparedness of documentation (A/C.5/53/L.1) and the proposed programme of work (A/C.5/53/L.2) will be issued shortly.

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The 193rd meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Thursday, 17 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda for the meeting will include the following items: (a) Resumption of the review by the Committee of its membership and composition pursuant to operative paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 52/159 of 15 De-

cember 1997; (b) Other matters. The meeting will be open to observers. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee could be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of other special items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/46, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Chairman of the Committee or to its Secretary (room S-3420D; fax: 963-6430) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Development Programme

An inter-agency consultative meeting will take place on Friday, 18 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*High-level dialogue of the General Assembly on the theme
of the social and economic impact of globalization and
interdependence and their policy implications
(17-18 September 1998)*

Plenary meetings

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings on Thursday, 17 September, is now open. To be inscribed, please contact the General Assembly and ECOSOC Affairs Division at 963-5063 (room S-2935G).

Ministerial round tables

As part of the high-level dialogue of the General Assembly, two ministerial round tables will be held on Friday, 18 September. The first round table on the topic of "the social and economic impact of globalization: national responses" will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the second round table on the topic of "the social and economic impact of globalization: international responses" will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (conference rooms to be announced). There will be no list of speakers for the round tables.

Informal panels

In conjunction with the high-level dialogue of the General Assembly, two informal panels will be held in *Conference Room 2*, the first on Thursday, 17 September, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the theme of "the economic impact of globalization" and the second on Friday, 18 September, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the theme of "the social impact of globalization." The panellists will be Ms. Susie Castore (Haiti), Ms. Liz Chitiga (Zimbabwe), Mr. Bob Deacon (United Kingdom), Mr. Fan Gang (China), Ms. Carmen Frei (Chile), Ms. Nancie Johnson (United States), Mr. Ayisi Makatiani (Kenya), Mr. Stephen Pursey (International Confederation of Free Trade Unions), Mr. Dariusz Rosati (Poland).

Copies of the *World Economic and Social Survey 1998* and seven papers submitted by panellists are available for pick-up by delegations outside room DC1-1420.

General debate
(21 September-2 October 1998)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) for the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly and ECOSOC Affairs Division (room S-2935G). The list has also been sent by facsimile directly to Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 (*on the organization of work of the Fifth Committee for the fifty-third session of the General Assembly*) on Wednesday, 16 September 1998, at 3 p.m. and on Thursday, 17 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

There will be a meeting of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) on Wednesday, 16 September 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5, to finalize the draft declaration of the Eighth Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries (document LDC/MM8/1997/2/Rev.2).

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Briefing

The Office of the Iraq Programme will hold a briefing on the practical aspects of oil-for-food contract processing, from submission of applications through payment for humanitarian supplies, as well as for the parts and equipment to enable Iraq to increase the export of petroleum and petroleum products. The meeting will be held on Thursday, 17 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5 and is open to all interested Member and Observer States, United Nations agencies and programmes, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental.

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Ministerial meeting

The Ministerial Meeting of countries participating in the Third International Conference of New or Restored Democracies will be held on Tuesday, 22 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 11 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

1st meeting

Section II.D

Organization of the fifty-third regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/53/1 and Add. 1)

Section I

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the provisions reproduced in annexes V, VI, VII and VIII to its rules of procedure.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 4 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Organization of the session (Section II)

Section II.A

The General Committee took note of rule 40 of the rules of procedure and of the provisions of General Assembly decision 34/401, Assembly resolution 39/88 B, the annex to Assembly resolution 45/45 and the annex to Assembly resolution 51/241 pertaining to the functions of the Committee.

Section II.B

The General Committee took note of paragraphs 6 and 7 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

In connection with paragraph 8 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General, the General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 5 of the annex to its resolution 45/45 and to paragraphs 30, 31 and 36 of the annex to its resolution 51/241.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 9 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Section II.C

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the fifty-third session should recess on Friday, 11 December 1998.

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the First, Special Political and Decolonization (Fourth Committee), Third and Sixth Committees complete their work by Friday, 20 November, the Second Committee by Friday, 27 November and the Fifth Committee by Friday, 4 December 1998.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the suggestions contained in paragraphs 11 to 13 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General, including the recommendation that as a cost saving measure, plenary meetings and meetings of the Main Committees, including informals, be adjourned by 6 p.m. and that no meetings be held on weekends. The Committee also recommended that this cost-saving measure should apply, for the remainder of 1998, to meetings on the Calendar of conferences and meetings. The Committee further recommended that, in order to avoid the late start of meetings, the General Assembly should waive the requirements of the presence of at least one third of the members to declare a plenary meeting open and to permit the debate to proceed and of at least one quarter of the members to declare a meeting of a Main Committee open and permit the debate to proceed. The Committee further recommended that delegations should be reminded of the utmost importance of punctuality in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations.

Section II.E

The General Committee took note of paragraph 14 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General concerning, inter alia, the duration of the general debate (beginning on Monday, 21 September, and ending on Friday, 2 October 1998).

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 21 of the annex to its resolution 51/241 indicating a voluntary guideline of up to twenty minutes for each statement in the general debate.

The General Committee endorsed the suggestions concerning the closure of the list of speakers (to close on Wednesday, 23 September 1998, at 6 p.m.).

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 17 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General concerning the prohibition of the expression of congratulations in the General Assembly Hall after a speech had been delivered and the departure through Room GA-200 of speakers after delivering their statements.

Section II.F

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of its decision 34/401 concerning explanations of vote and rights of reply.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that points of order be limited to five minutes.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 20 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General concerning the length of statements in debates outside the general debate.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly, as it did at recent sessions, to rules 72 and 114 of the rules of procedure and paragraph 22 of annex VI thereto concerning length of statements for appropriate action in plenary meetings and the Main Committees.

Section II.G

The General Committee decided to draw the Assembly's attention to paragraphs 8 and 9 of its resolution 38/32 E.

The General Committee also decided to recommend to the General Assembly that its decision not to reproduce *in extenso* statements made in a Main Committee should be maintained for the fifty-third session.

Section II.H

The General Committee was informed that Mali was the name drawn for the purpose of occupying the first desk on the General Assembly floor and from which the seating order would begin.

Section II.I

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the need for the full implementation of paragraph 17 of its decision 34/401 concerning concluding statements.

Section II.J

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 32 of its decision 34/401, to recommendation 3 (f) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, to paragraph 5 of Assembly resolution 48/264, and to paragraphs 1 and 10 of the annex to Assembly resolution 45/45, concerning resolutions.

Section II.K

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 28 of its decision 34/401, to paragraph 6 of its resolution 48/264, to paragraph 4 of its resolution 50/206 C and to paragraph 32 of the annex to resolution 51/241, concerning documentation.

Section II.L

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the provisions contained in paragraphs 31, 32, 33 and 34 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General concerning questions related to the programme budget.

Section II.M

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the suggestions contained in paragraphs 35 and 36 concerning observances and commemorative meetings.

Section II.N

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the recommendations referred to in paragraphs 37 and 38 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General concerning special conferences.

Section II.O

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the Assembly should authorize the meetings of the subsidiary organs referred to in paragraph 39 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Observations and proposals on the organization of future sessions of the General Assembly (Section III)

The General Committee decided, with regard to opening and closing dates of future regular sessions, to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 17 of the annex to resolution 51/241, and to the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 51/241 (document A/52/855), in particular to paragraphs 16 and 17 thereof.

In this connection, the General Committee decided to recommend that the Assembly address the question of the opening and closing dates of future regular sessions. Taking into account the opening date of the regular sessions, the Committee also decided to recommend to the Assembly a review of the question of the mandatory deadline for the submission to the Fifth Committee of all draft resolutions with programme budget implications.

Adoption of the agenda (Section IV)

The General Committee took note of paragraphs 43 and 44, dealing with the rationalization of the agenda, including paragraphs 4 and 5 (a) and (c) of annex I to General Assembly resolution 48/264.

In this connection, the attention of the General Committee was drawn to paragraphs 23 and 26 of the annex to resolution 51/241.

Item 62

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the deletion of item 62 from the agenda of the fifty-third session.

Item 89

The General Assembly decided to recommend to the Assembly that the title of item 89 read "Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories".

Item 168

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Armenia.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the Assembly include item 168 in the agenda as a sub-item of item 46.

The General Committee then proceeded to consider the draft agenda of the fifty-third session contained in paragraph 47 of document A/BUR/53/1 and its Add.1.

Items 1 to 6

The General Committee took note that the General Assembly had already dealt with items 1 to 6 of the draft agenda.

Items 7 to 61

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include these items in the agenda.

Item 62

The Chairman recalled that item 62 had been dealt with earlier during the meeting.

Items 63 to 91

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include these items in the agenda.

Item 92

Statements were made by the representatives of Senegal and Germany.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that consideration of this item be deferred to the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly and that it be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

Item 93

Statements were made by the representatives of San Marino and Brunei Darussalam.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that consideration of this item be deferred to the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly and that it be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

Item 94 to 159

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include these items in the agenda.

Item 160

The representative of Senegal made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 161

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of Zimbabwe made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Georgia and China.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 162

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 163

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 164

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 165

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 166

Statements were made by the representatives of Senegal, China and Mexico.

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, statements were made by the representatives of Swaziland, Malawi, the Gambia, Solomon Islands and Burkina Faso.

The General Committee decided to invite the representatives of Argentina, Kazakhstan, Sri Lanka, Paraguay, Iraq, Kuwait and Georgia, at their requests, to take their places at the Committee's table.

Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Kazakhstan, Sri Lanka, Paraguay, Iraq, Kuwait and Georgia.

2nd meeting

*Adoption of the agenda (Section IV) (continued)**Item 166*

Statements were made by the representatives of Liberia, Nicaragua, Myanmar, the Russian Federation, Syrian Arab Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mongolia, Turkmenistan, Germany, Yemen, Suriname, Uganda, Tunisia, Cameroon and Lesotho.

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedures, statements were made by the representatives of Sao Tome and Principe, Dominica, Chad, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada and El Salvador.

The General Committee decided to invite the representatives of Honduras, Saint Lucia, Chile, the United Republic of Tanzania, Cyprus, Nepal, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Belarus, Brazil, Djibouti, Italy, Bangladesh, Algeria, Cuba, the Sudan, Zimbabwe, Egypt, Kenya and Pakistan, at their requests, to take their places at the Committee's table.

Statements were made by the representatives of Honduras, Saint Lucia, Chile, the United Republic of Tanzania, Cyprus, Nepal, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Belarus, Brazil, Djibouti, Italy, Bangladesh, Algeria, Cuba, the Sudan, Zimbabwe, Egypt, Kenya and Pakistan.

The General Committee decided not to recommend the inclusion of this item in the agenda.

Item 167

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 168

The Chairman recalled that the General Committee has dealt with the item at its 1st meeting that morning.

Item 169

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Items 170 and 171

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include these items in the agenda.

Allocation of items (Section V)

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 4 of its decision 34/401, paragraph 5 of the annex to Assembly resolution 39/88 B, paragraph 6 of the annex to Assembly resolution 45/45, paragraphs 2 and 5 (b) and (d) of annex I of resolution 48/264 as well as paragraph 24 of the annex to resolution 51/241 concerning the allocation and clustering of items.

Item 160

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 160 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Item 161

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 161 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Item 162

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 162 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Item 165

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 165 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Item 167

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 167 should be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

Item 168

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 168 should be considered directly in plenary meeting as a sub-item of item 46.

Item 169

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 169 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Item 10

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it hear a brief presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report on the work of the Organization on Monday, 21 September, as the first item in the morning prior to the opening of the general debate.

Item 12

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the suggested allocation of various parts of the report of the Economic and Social Council as contained in paragraph 51 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Item 18

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that all the chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and People relating to specific Territories should be referred to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) so that the Assembly might deal in plenary meeting with the question of the implementation of the Declaration as a whole.

Item 46

The General Committee decided to recommend that, in connection with the awarding of human right prizes in 1998, the award ceremony should be held on Thursday, 10 December 1998, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Item 49

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item on the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) should be considered directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that bodies and individuals having an interest in the question would be heard in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in conjunction with the consideration of the item in plenary meeting.

Item 63

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item on the question of Cyprus be allocated at an appropriate time during the session.

Item 72

The General Committee decided to recommend that the paragraphs of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency dealing with the subject matter of item 72 should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of that item.

Item 86

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the commemorative meeting marking the fiftieth anniversary of United Nations peacekeeping should be held on Tuesday, 6 October 1998, in the morning.

Item 96 (d)

The General Committee decided to recommend that the high-level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications should be held on Thursday, 17 September, and Friday, 18 September 1998.

Item 102

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the commemorative meeting marking the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries should be held on Wednesday, 7 October 1998, in the morning.

Item 106

The General Committee decided to recommend that, in connection with item 106 (Advancement of women), the annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the

United Nations Development Fund for Women should be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 98 (Operational activities for development).

The General Committee then proceeded to consider the allocation of items proposed in paragraph 61 of document A/BUR/53/1 and in its Add.1.

Plenary items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/53/1 and Add.1, and including items 160 to 162, 165, 168 as a sub-item of item 46, 169, under item 86 the holding of the commemorative meeting marking the fiftieth anniversary of United Nations peacekeeping, and under item 96 (d) the holding of the two-day high level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications, and excluding items 62 and 63.

First Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/53/1.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/53/1, taking into account its decision on the item entitled "Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India", its decision on the item entitled "Question of East Timor", and its decision concerning item 49 entitled "Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)".

Second Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/53/1.

Third Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/53/1.

Fifth Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in documents A/BUR/53/1 and Add. 1, and including item 167.

Sixth Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/53/1.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions, concluded at Oslo on 14 June 1994

*Ratification: Italy (14 September 1998)**

Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, adopted at the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties at Geneva on 22 September 1995

*Acceptance: Slovakia (11 September 1998)**

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, opened for signature at Paris on 14 October 1994

*Accession: Tuvalu (14 September 1998)**

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

The new stamps, souvenir card, first day covers and hand cancellations can be obtained by members of delegations and staff at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby *today* from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Details about the new stamps and souvenir card are available in Information Circular ST/IC/1998/60.

Interfaith service

To mark the opening of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly and to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Interfaith Center of New York and the Temple of Understanding are organizing the Second Annual Interfaith Service of Commitment to the Work of the United Nations. The service will be held on Wednesday, 16 September 1998, at 8.30 a.m. at St. Bartholomew's Church (Park Avenue at 51st Street in Manhattan). Special guests will include the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General and Mrs. Nane Annan. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, accredited correspondents and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. Those planning to attend should bring their official United Nations ground passes for admittance to the Service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New United Nations stamps and souvenir card

Today, 15 September 1998, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "50 Years of United Nations Peacekeeping". The denominations of the new stamps will be 33 cents, 40 cents, F.s. 0.70, F.s. 0.90, S 4 and S 7.50. A souvenir card will also be issued today on the same theme.

Security announcement

The Security and Safety Service will convene a briefing for the Permanent and Observer Missions on Thursday, 17 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The subject of the meeting will be security arrangements for the fifty-third session of the General Assembly.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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